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### Sacramento New Home Sales Ending 2024 on a High Note

North State Building Industry Association News Release

**SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - During a time of year when new home sales in the greater Sacramento region normally are dipping to their annual low point, buyers continued to purchase new homes at near-record levels in November, the North State Building Industry Association (BIA) reported Dec. 10.

Building Industry Association members reported selling 524 new homes in the region in November. That was a scant 1.2% lower than in October and 4.6% higher than in November 2023. However, sales were 47% above the average sales volume for the month (356).

November was the fourth straight month in which 500 or more homes were sold. July was the only month so far this year in which sales were below 500 (433).

November's sales were the second-highest in the region for the month since 2004's monthly record of 821 during the height of the housing boom (also trailing 554 sales in November 2021).

Tim Murphy, North State Building Industry Association's president and CEO, said the year's strong late-year surge shows that demand continues to be incredibly strong, despite mortgage rates ticking upward, and reinforces the Building Industry Association's message that new home construction continues to be far below the level needed.

"We continue to stress to elected officials throughout the region that excessive regulations and sky-high fees averaging over \$100,000 per home make it more difficult and more costly to build the new homes the region needs," Murphy said. "Reforms to speed the approval process and reduce the fee burdens would allow our members to build more homes than they can today, improve affordability, and begin to bring supply and demand into balance. These changes are needed statewide but especially here in Sacramento, which was historically far more affordable than today."

During October, Roseville retained the

### Christmas Parade Spreads Joy in Rio Linda

By Annie Kerr

**RIO LINDA, CA (MPG)** - The holiday spirit was alive and well in Rio Linda on Saturday, Dec. 14 at the ninth annual Rio Linda Christmas Light Parade.

Hundreds of spectators gathered along M Street to witness the highly anticipated event, which has become a cherished tradition for residents.

The day started with a community breakfast with Santa, where locals came together to share a meal before the evening festivities, according to the Rio Linda Elverta Recreation and Park District staff.

As the parade time approached, the streets began to fill with excited families, many of whom brought chairs to secure a good spot. There was barely any room left to stand, a testament to the parade's popularity and the tight-knit nature of Rio Linda.

Vendors added to



Santa Claus waves to the crowd as he rides by on his sleigh, pulled by a truck. Photo by Annie Kerr

the atmosphere by selling light-up balloons and hot dogs. Despite heavy rain earlier in the day, the weather cleared just in time for the parade, leaving behind a full moon over the event.

The parade kicked off shortly after 6 p.m. after the lighting of the town

Christmas tree at Troy Graham Park, which is also where the judges' stand was.

Judges included Sacramento County Supervisor-elect Rosario Rodriguez, Citrus Heights Planning Commissioner Troy Golden and Natalie Price, owner of Taste of Tuscany and The Grotto,

a soon-to-be Rio Linda Italian restaurant opening in January.

Retiring District 4 Supervisor Sue Frost was the grand marshal of the parade, who was driven through the parade by the Rio Linda Elverta Historical Society.

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# Family Hits Jackpot for Local Charities

By Gary Zavoral

**SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG)** - Seven is a special number for Kelvin and Leslie Moss of Granite Bay. They have seven children, and their last child was nicknamed "Seven." And, on the night they went to the Sacramento area's charitable vending machines, there were seven members of their family present.

And sevens are especially lucky for struggling individuals and families throughout the Sacramento region and the world. Because last week, the Moss family typed in "777" into a Light the World Giving Machine and donated 30 gifts to those in need. It is considered a "Giving Machine jackpot," worth \$2,035 for five local charities and two global ones.

"We didn't know we'd do this until we got there that night. We had seven children, and seven of us were at the Giving Machines that night. It just felt right to choose 777," mother and grandmother Leslie Moss said. "We really felt we hit the jackpot for our community. It was a great night."

Light the World Giving Machines, sponsored and financed by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, are at the Westfield Galleria at Roseville for a third year and are filled with cards detailing charitable gifts. When one item is purchased, the card falls to the bottom, just like a candy bar drops when purchased at a vending machine. Joining Kelvin and Leslie at the Giving Machine were son-in-law Eric Stratton and four grandchildren.

"It was really fun to see every single card drop to the bottom one by one," said Leslie. "The kids would shout as they dropped: 'Someone is getting new underwear!' 'Someone is getting diapers for their baby!'" And so on, she says, until all 30 cards dropped.

Twenty-five of the 30 gifts are for individuals or families in the greater Sacramento region who are suffering financially or emotionally,



From left, Eric, Win, Daisy, Freddy and Bennett Stratton show off some of the gifts for others that they purchased. Photo courtesy of Gary Zavoral

and the gifts are designed to provide food, comfort, counseling and other services to help them on their path toward self-reliance. The Moss family knows a bit about suffering emotionally, as they lost three of their sons to accidental deaths in the past four years.

"Our grandchildren were really on board with this, in giving to others who are less-fortunate and suffering at this time," Leslie said. "They wanted to make sure that heaven could be involved, that their uncles could be there, too."

Before heading to the Giving Machines, Grandma and Grandpa talked to the children about what the Giving Machines are all about and to think about the specific gift they wanted to choose for a needy person or family.

"We talked about how usually with a vending machine you get something for yourself, but with the Giving Machine, this time you are getting something to help someone else," Leslie said. "They were so thoughtful about why they chose that specific gift."

Bennett, 14, chose suicide

prevention therapy from Lighthouse Counseling & Family Resource Center because "it's the gift that will keep giving," Leslie said. Lighthouse, based throughout Placer County, provides counseling, educational classes and programs and assists clients in obtaining resources to help them through a challenging time. The other gifts in the Giving Machine for Lighthouse that the Moss family also purchased are child abuse and domestic violence prevention counseling sessions, one week worth of diapers for a single mother with a newborn, and a three-day supply of emergency food.

Winston, who goes by Win, is 8 years old, and he chose three days of safe shelter for a family or individual in need, provided by Catholic Charities throughout the Sacramento region. Win chose that, Leslie says, "because whenever he sees a homeless person, he feels so sad for them and wants to help take care of them." Other gifts for Catholic Charities are an infant care kit for a new mother, a "dress for success" gift that provides a job seeker a new outfit, one week of food for a senior

experiencing food insecurity, and job training for someone entering the workforce.

Daisy, 5, "couldn't bear to think about someone going to bed without a blanket and a pillow," so she wanted to give the "Pillow & Bedding" provided by Al-Misbaah Charitable Aid, Leslie said. The Sacramento-based charity has helped numerous refugees and vulnerable families get established in Northern California. The other gifts for Al-Misbaah are socks and hat for someone who needs the extra warmth, a hygiene kit to help a community member stay clean, a backpack filled with school supplies for a student, and a bicycle for a child for exercise, adventure and to ride to and from school.

Daisy's twin brother, Freddy, "loves to play soccer, and he couldn't figure out how any child could go without a soccer ball," Leslie said. So, he chose the gift of four soccer balls for a school to help teach students teamwork and promote fitness. That gift is offered by Right to Play, a global charity that helps children in impoverished

nations thrive by promoting the "power of play." The other gifts in the Giving Machine purchased are 20 storybooks for primary school-children and menstrual hygiene kits to help female students stay in school.

The Moss family purchased all those gifts, along with others from three other charities. They are:

First Step Communities in Sacramento and Roseville, which provides interim housing and emergency shelter in the Sacramento area and Roseville. Their gifts in the Giving Machines are a kit of hygiene essentials, new underwear, a warm blanket and pillow, a winter coat and 100 laundry vouchers.

Rancho Cordova Food Locker's Community Food Hub, whose gifts in the Giving Machines are two gallons of milk for children, an emergency weekend food pack for students, a one-month supply of fresh produce for a family, a kit of essentials to feed 10 senior citizens, and a group cooking class to teach 25 families cooking techniques and nutrition principles.

The global charity Academy for Creating Enterprise, which provides business opportunities for individuals and families in impoverished countries. The two gifts in the Roseville Giving Machines are a basket as a way to carry goods for a new business owner and, probably the most unique gift in the machines, two piglets to help a family start a business.

"It was just an awesome experience for us to give to so many people at the same time," Leslie said. "We hope to do again next year and make it a family tradition."

The Light the World Giving Machines are located on the first floor of Westfield Galleria at Roseville, near the giant Christmas tree. The Giving Machines will keep giving through New Year's Day.

To see all the gifts available, their prices and links to all the charities, go to the Sacramento and Modesto Giving Machines website at [www.givingmachinesgreatersacramento.org/](http://www.givingmachinesgreatersacramento.org/). ★



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# Christmas Parade Spreads Joy in Rio Linda

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“It was my honor and privilege to drive our retiring Supervisor Sue Frost in the Christmas light parade,” Historical Society treasurer Joyce Buckland said. “Supervisor Frost made it possible for the society to purchase the John Deere Gator to help with farming operations at the Dry Creek Ranch. She took her job seriously and did everything she possibly could to make life better, not only for our communities, but for the individuals within each community.”

More than 50 intricately-decorated floats rolled down the parade route, each showcasing different themes and festive designs. One memorable moment was when the Rio Linda High School Marching Band paraded down the street playing Christmas music.

One of the standout features of this year’s parade was the sheer creativity on display. Many participants embraced the holiday spirit with lights galore, with several floats paying homage to beloved Christmas movie characters. Multiple Grinches floated by, spreading mischief and joy. Buddy the Elf took to the streets



Second-place went to Blaze Fire and Rescue, who transformed a firetruck into the ultimate Grinch-mobile. Photo by Annie Kerr

with his trademark enthusiasm, handing out candy to children along the route.

In addition to the decorated floats, many residents got into the spirit of the parade by decking out their cars with lights and joining in the festivities. Families were seen sitting in the trunks of their cars, eagerly watching as the floats passed by.

“We come to the parade every year,” resident Violet Mondy said. “It is such a great way to get the town together, where anyone of any age can have fun.”

Several Girl Scout Troops participated and the FFA Club drove by with goats on their float. ATVs, too, were decked out in twinkling lights, making for a

dazzling display.

Local law enforcement also joined in the celebration, adding their own touch of holiday magic. One officer drove by with a virtual fireplace projected in the front seat, while a firetruck followed, spraying artificial snow into the crowd for kids to play in. Even a car with a bubble machine created a whimsical scene as bubbles floated through the air, much to the delight of children.

The competition for the best float was fierce, with many creative entries. The Rio Linda Lions Club took third-place, followed by Blaze Fire and Rescue in second. The first-place prize went to David Thompson’s



Youth Riders pulled multiple children on miniature ATVs, wowing the crowd. Photo by Annie Kerr

side-by-side, a standout entry that wowed the judges and spectators.

As the parade wound down, Rio Linda streets were filled with joy and holiday cheer, and Meg’s Creamery served free hot cocoa to attendees afterwards.

The ninth annual Rio Linda Christmas Light Parade reflected

the community’s spirit, bringing residents together to celebrate the season and make lasting memories.

Next year’s Rio Linda Christmas Light Parade is already being planned. For more information, visit [www.rlechristmasparade.com](http://www.rlechristmasparade.com). ★



A pickup truck lights up the entire town with its intricate lights. Photo by Annie Kerr



Retiring District 4 Supervisor Sue Frost gets a ride in the parade from Rio Linda Elverta Historical Society Treasurer Joyce Buckland. Photo courtesy of Joyce Buckland



A Santa decked out in camouflage makes his way down the parade. Photo by Annie Kerr



The Rio Linda Lions Club took home third-place for its Grinch-themed float, including all the characters from the story. Photo courtesy of the Rio Linda Lions Club

# Keep Your Pets Safe During the Holidays

## Sacramento County News Release

The holiday season is a time for joy, celebration and spending time with loved ones – including our furry, feathered and scaly family members. However, this festive time can also bring unique challenges and hazards for pets. By taking a few precautions, you can ensure your pet stays safe, comfortable and stress-free while enjoying the holiday spirit.

### Decorate with Care

Holiday decorations add charm, but they can pose risks to pets.

**Christmas Trees:** Secure your tree to prevent it from tipping over if your pet gets curious. Avoid using tinsel, which can cause intestinal blockages if ingested.

**Ornaments:** Keep fragile or small ornaments out of reach. Opt for shatterproof decorations on the lower branches.

**Lights and Wires:** Tape down wires and unplug lights when you’re not home to prevent chewing accidents.

**Candles:** Use flameless candles to avoid burns or fires if a tail or paw knocks them over.

### Watch What They Eat

Holiday meals often include foods that can be harmful to pets.

**Toxic Foods:** Avoid giving your pet chocolate, grapes, raisins, onions, garlic and anything sweetened with xylitol.

**Bones:** Cooked bones can splinter and cause serious injuries. Offer pet-safe treats instead.

**Alcohol:** Keep alcoholic drinks out of reach – even small amounts can be toxic to pets.

If you want to include your pet in the festivities, prepare a special holiday treat just for them, like a dog-friendly “pupcake” or some plain, cooked turkey (without seasoning or bones).

### Provide a

### Stress-Free Environment

With guests coming and



Take a cute holiday photo together, give them a special gift or spend extra time snuggling to show how much they mean to you. Image by Oli R from Pixabay

going, homes can become chaotic during the holidays. Create a calm, safe space for your pet.

**Safe Spaces:** Set up a quiet room or corner with their bed, toys and water where they can retreat if they feel overwhelmed.

**Guests:** Remind visitors to keep doors and gates closed and to ask before offering food or treats to your pet.

**Fireworks and Noise:** If your holiday celebrations include loud noises like fireworks, consider using calming aids such as white noise machines, anxiety vests or pet-safe CBD oil (with vet approval).

### Traveling with Pets

If you’re traveling for the holidays and bringing your pet along, make sure they’re

travel-ready.

**Car Safety:** Use a pet seatbelt, carrier or barrier to keep them secure.

**Pet Identification:** Ensure your pet has an updated ID tag and microchip.

**Packing:** Bring their food, water, medications and a few comfort items, such as a favorite blanket or toy.

If leaving your pet at home with a sitter, provide detailed care instructions and emergency contact information.

### Be Mindful of Plants

Many holiday plants are toxic to pets, including Poinsettias, which are mildly toxic and can cause irritation if ingested; Mistletoe and Holly, which can cause severe gastrointestinal upset or worse if consumed; and lilies, which are extremely toxic to cats, even in small amounts.

Opt for pet-safe alternatives or artificial plants to avoid any accidental nibbles.

### Monitor Outdoor Time

If you live in a cold climate, limit your pet’s exposure to chilly weather.

**Protective Gear:** Use pet sweaters, coats and booties for dogs who need extra warmth.

**De-Icers:** Avoid letting pets walk on areas treated with salt or chemical deicers, which can irritate paws or be toxic if licked. Rinse their paws after walks.

### Keep an Eye on Your Pet’s Health

The holiday season can be unpredictable, so monitor your pet for any unusual behavior or symptoms of distress. If your pet eats something potentially harmful or shows signs of illness, contact your veterinarian or an emergency pet clinic immediately.

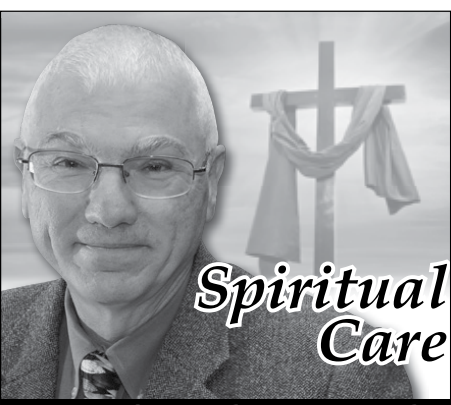
### Don’t Forget to Include Them in the Fun!

The holidays are all about family, so don’t forget to involve your pet in the festivities. Take a cute holiday photo together, give them a special gift or spend extra time snuggling to show how much they mean to you.

By taking these simple steps, you can ensure your holidays are not only merry and bright but also safe for your beloved pets. Wishing you and your furry family a joyful and safe holiday season! ★



# Definitely NOT the Best Christmas Ever



**BY NORRIS BURKES**

This is the time of year when writers like to recount their “Best Christmas ever.”

Their stories often include a video of a slobbering puppy leaping from a ribbon-covered box or a marriage proposal, or my favorite, a deployed soldier surprising her family with an early homecoming.

But if you’ve read my column long enough, you’ll know that this columnist seeks to fill the holes of the unexpected. So, today, I recollect my very worst Christmas ever!

I was only 4 years old, but savvy enough to ask my parents why our Charlie Brown Christmas tree was so bare. I didn’t understand why my father, a poor ministerial student, had nothing to place under the tree.

However, I became cautiously optimistic on Christmas Eve when my dad called us one-by-one into his study cubby.

My sister came away with a new doll. My brother followed holding a kinetic car, the kind you roll backwards to wind up the energy.

Score! Seeing that kind of haul, my kinetic energy was pushing full throttle.

I approached my dad’s desk and climbed into his loving lap.

“I have something very important to tell you,” he said.

My little eyes reflected with the anticipatory joy of Tiny Tim.

“There is no such thing as Santa Claus,” he said. “We celebrate the birth of Jesus at Christmas, not Santa.”

My eyes blinked with tears. Could it get any worse for a preschooler than that?

Yes, actually, it could.

When I asked about my present, my dad told me that I’d be sharing the kinetic car with my brother.

“Does it get it any sadder?” you ask.

In fact, it did..

I joined my brother on the kitchen floor where we took turns sending the car careening back and forth like a game of catch.

Twenty minutes into the game, my 5-year-old brother began speculating on how the car mechanism worked.

“Let me take it apart,” my brother begged with screwdriver in hand. I was curious, too, but I would only agree if he promised to restore it to working condition.

He promised.

Ten minutes later, with wheels, chassis and motor spread on the kitchen table, the car was humpty-dumptyed.

Saddest, worst, most disappointing Christmas ever, right?

So, why would I write about a Christmas memory worthy of Debbie-downer?

As foul as it was, it still points toward some spiritual takeaways of Christmas.

First, Christmas needn’t be all about materialism, about what we buy or what we consume. It might also be about sacrifice.

My sacrifice fed my brother’s mechanical mind. He explored the workings of the tiny engine, gaining early insights into motion, potential energy and kinetic energy. He may have failed the car restoration business, but he became an electronics repairman and later started his own electronics business.

Second, my worst Christmas inspired me to share what we are given. Christian scripture reminds us, “To whom much is given, much shall be required.”

I didn’t get much, but in sharing it, I perhaps inspired greater generosity. For years to come, my brother modified other gifts into things much more interesting.

One year he rigged a toy tank to burst from a record player box and shoot rubber bands. Another year, he removed the capacitor from an old radio to make an electric shock device capable of repelling the school bullies.

I’ve shared this sad story with my wife many times over the years. So, last week I told her I’d have my best Christmas ever if she’d give me a miniature Schnauzer puppy for Christmas.

At first she said no, but after reading this column, she assured me that our neighbor would likely “share” his new puppy.

So much for the worst Christmas ever. ★



### Douglass honor Farm Bureau Successes

California Farm Bureau President Shannon Douglass celebrated the organization’s accomplishments this year in an address delivered Monday at the Farm Bureau’s 106th Annual Meeting in Monterey. Douglass, speaking in her first annual address since being elected last year to lead the Farm Bureau, focused on local achievements and on the organization’s strength in unity. “We can have extensive success as a state organization, but it doesn’t matter if we don’t have strong county Farm Bureaus,” Douglass said. “Thank you for showing us what’s possible when we put our mind to something.”

### Young Farmers and Ranchers Urged to Engage, Be Involved

Young farmers and ranchers from across the state gathered at the 2024 California Young Farmers & Ranchers State Conference, where they reaffirmed the importance of collaboration within their communities to boost involvement and address key issues essential to the future of agriculture. The event brought together California YF&R members—farmers, ranchers and agricultural professionals ages 18 to 35—for workshops on critical issues, strategies to strengthen YF&R programs and celebrations of member achievements.

### Madera County Farm Dog Wins Farm Bureau Contest

Aussie, a hardworking pooch in Madera County, won the Grand Prize in the California Farm Bureau’s fourth annual Farm Dog of the Year contest. With support from Nationwide and FieldClock, the contest asked Farm Bureau members to submit photos and a brief story about their beloved family member. The Grand Prize winner earned \$1,000, with First Runner-up receiving \$500, Second Runner-up, \$250 and Third Runner-up, \$100. “Aussie is our family’s special dog,” said Kaydence Erickson, 15. “There has been no other dog like her that we have ever owned.”

### UC Master Gardener’s ‘Labor of Love’ Improves Health of Older Adults

The Belden Village Apartments in Clairemont Mesa East of San Diego is home to a diverse population of older adults. Shital Parikh, a UC Master Gardener of San Diego County, took the initiative to build a garden that grows food and encourages residents to spend more time outdoors, getting their hands dirty alongside neighbors. “The Belden Community Garden is a labor of love,” Parikh said. “One that has been made possible thanks to the knowledge and support gained from the UC Master Gardener Program and the invaluable support from Amy Zink from the County of San Diego Health and Human Services Agency.” ★

## Sacramento New Home Sales Ending 2024 on a High Note

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top spot with 125 sales reported, followed by Rancho Cordova (78), Sacramento (65), Elk Grove (58) and Folsom

(54). Natomas was sixth (26), with Plumas Lake (21), El Dorado Hills (19), Lincoln (13) and Rocklin (12) rounding out the Top 10.

Building Industry Association statistics include sales by members in Amador, El Dorado, Placer, Sutter, Yolo and Yuba counties. ★

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## About How Medicare Premiums Are Determined



**By Russell Gloor, AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor**

**Dear Rusty:** Please explain the Medicare premium increase based on income reported to Social Security? For those of us that waited to draw Social Security until age 70, and who are still working - drawing a salary, and planning to retire at age 75 after RMDs kick in at age 73 - how do we make sure that Social Security reports our earnings accurately, so we don't wind up with increased Medicare premiums? Why not charge increased Medicare premiums when we are younger, instead of waiting to sneak up on us when we are older? **Signed: Confused about Medicare Premiums**

**Dear Confused:** I believe you are referring to Medicare's "Income-Related Monthly Adjustment Amount," or "IRMAA." IRMAA increases the Medicare Part B (and Part D) premium amounts for those whose combined income from all sources exceeds specified levels for their IRS tax filing status. Social Security (and Medicare) get your earnings information from the IRS and use your reported IRS income (on your income tax return) to calculate your Medicare

premium each year. But there is a twist - they use your reported combined income (also known as your "MAGI" or "Modified Adjusted Gross Income") from 2 years ago to determine your current year's Medicare premium. For example, they will use your 2023 MAGI to determine your 2025 Medicare Part B premium (and your Part D premium if you have Part D). So, if your income reported to the IRS on your tax return in 2023 is correct, Social Security will use that amount to determine next year's Medicare premium.

IRMAA uses a sliding income scale to determine your Medicare premium. If you filed your 2022 taxes as "married/jointly" and your combined income for that year was \$206,000 or less, for 2024 you are paying the standard Medicare Part B premium of \$174.50, and there is no additional amount added to your Part D premium. But if your MAGI as a married couple was over \$206,000 your Medicare premiums will be more - e.g., MAGI up to \$258,000 makes your Part B premium \$244.60 and results in a Part D supplement of \$12.90 per month. And so on - as your MAGI further increases, so will your Medicare premiums until you reach the maximum. MAGI over \$750,000 means a Part B premium of \$594/month and a Part D supplement of \$81/month. Thus, Medicare premiums are "means-tested" (those with higher income pay higher premiums).

A word about "MAGI" - MAGI starts with your Adjusted Gross Income on

your tax return, to which is added any non-taxable interest you may have had, and 50% of the Social Security benefits (if any) you received during the income tax year. The total of those three amounts is your MAGI, from which your Medicare premium is determined for the forthcoming year.

So, if your 2023 combined income (your "MAGI") as a couple was under \$206,000 you will pay the standard 2025 Medicare premium which, for Part B, will be \$185/month. If your 2023 MAGI as a married couple is more than \$206,000, you will pay higher Medicare premiums in 2025 due to IRMAA.

Why not pay higher Medicare premiums when we are younger? Well, that's because IRMAA only applies when you are enrolled in Medicare, and your premium relates to your income while receiving Medicare benefits.

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# Kings Korner

By V.G. Harris



Things can change quickly in Kings Town, and the happenings of the past week certainly demonstrate exactly that.

The hardcourt gladiators from Sacramento are currently on a torrid 3-game winning streak, looking ahead to Monday night's game against the Denver Nuggets.

If you hadn't paid attention and just tuned into the Kings, you'd discover a team that is just finding themselves 26 games into the regular season, after losing every game in the preseason.

Fans and pundits alike have riddled the airwaves with remedies for multiple losing streaks, along with advice to coach Brown as to who should be his starting five.

I am more than happy to announce that coach Brown's decision to finally insert Malik Brown into the King's starting lineup has produced four wins in the last five games, and everyone is now wondering why it took three seasons to figure this one out.

But rather than casting aspersions, I will take the high road, and just give him an attaboy for making a decision that was long overdue. Malik is thrilled to be where he always thought he should be, and now coach Brown can simply focus on his bench that is currently ranked in the bottom of the league.

Kevin Huerter is showing signs of returning to form and seems to be comfortable taking the 6th man position that was formerly Monk's, so it's really the next three or four rotations that are going to tell the tale.

What has created chaos with the team is the night-in and night out inconsistency as to who will sit the night out completely, or who will garnish the majority of the minutes.

Big man Alex Len cannot catch a break, as he all too often finds himself at the end of the bench being a spectator for the entire game. This 7-foot giant has NBA game, and from my perspective, it's up to coach Brown and his staff to build this big man's confidence. One way you do that is by giving him a consistent rotation that he can count on every night.

Len has played several good games and shows real promise, only to find

himself relegated to the bench the very next game with no explanation except for the dreaded, coaches' decision.

The Kings can keep scouring the league for another trade/acquisition, or just look at their own bench, and perhaps realize that there is more talent already on this team than they are giving them credit for.

If for one believe that Alex Len has a big upside, but it takes a coach and staff that are willing to build a player's confidence if you want to see the desired result.

So far, I'm giving this staff a failing grade as it relates to evaluating talent, and you need to look no further than the inexplicable trade of Davion Mitchell to qualify my comments.

The Kings are still feeling the void left in Mitchell's absence, and all he is doing in Toronto is making Canadian fans fall in love with him. From the Kings bench to the Raptor's starting point guard, Davion is making the Toronto GM look like a basketball wizard.

The Kings cannot afford to continue undervaluing talent, or simply not see the forest for the trees. Let's get everything out of the team currently constituted, and that means starting with consistency as it relates to players coming off the bench. If Huerter is the 6th man, who is #7, 8, and 9? At this point no one but coach Brown knows, and he doesn't know until just before gametime.

Here's the good news! At 13-13 it's time to hit the reset button. Yes, the Kings are at 500, and now is the time to start making a run that can propel this team to the playoffs.

The starting five of, Fox, Monk, DeRozan, Murray, and Sabonis are a formidable group to guard, and I look forward to watching this team come out of the blocks on all 8 cylinders every night.

So, take heart Kings fans, because the best is yet to come, and that's without a trade or an acquisition.

Merry Christmas to one and all and go Kings!

Your thoughts are always welcome at [vgharriskingsfan@gmail.com](mailto:vgharriskingsfan@gmail.com). ★

## Rio Linda Community Update

### Serving You: The Honor of My Lifetime



**By Sue Frost**

As my tenure as Supervisor for District 4 comes to a close, I am overwhelmed with appreciation. It has been a profound honor to serve the diverse and vibrant areas of Sacramento County. From the soulful avenues of North Highlands to the tranquil settings of Rancho Murieta, each community has its own unique charm, and a collective will to enhance our region.

During my years in office, I've had the pleasure of seeing and contributing to significant improvements that have

positively impacted the lives of our residents. Together, we have achieved notable progress, all aimed at enriching the Sacramento Region.

We successfully allocated \$4.5 million in ARPA funds to bolster services and housing initiatives across District 4. These projects have spurred growth and enhanced the quality of life in our communities.

Significant projects include the revitalization of the Rio Linda Firehouse and restoring Fire Engine #2 to operational status. These upgrades are critical, ensuring that our emergency services are well-prepared to safeguard our community. Community gatherings like the Rio Linda/Elverta Country Faire and the Christmas Light Parade have not only spread cheer but

also fostered a strong sense of togetherness.

I had the privilege of leading efforts that substantially supported local veterans' services, aiding veterans and non-profits, and fostering economic vitality. The enhancements to the Orangevale Library and our support for the Orangevale History Museum have played pivotal roles in preserving our local heritage and expanding access to educational resources. The Orangevale-Fair Oaks Big Day of Service exemplifies the positive outcomes that arise from community cooperation and common goals.

In safety and preparedness, we secured a significant \$400,000 grant from Caltrans to fortify emergency evacuation routes for Rancho Murieta, enhancing

the area's readiness for any emergency.

This year, I played a pivotal role in fostering unity and collaboration in North Highlands by engaging with local leaders committed to enhancing well-being and economic vitality. This collaboration led to the successful "Celebrate North Highlands" event, which brought together over 2,000 residents on Sept. 28, to celebrate the spirit of the community.

I have always stood firm in my commitment to our local economy, advocating for a strategic approach to reopening that maintained the competitiveness of our businesses and kept our shopping local. My commitment to openness and honesty has been central, admitting to and learning from any missteps to maintain a

transparent relationship with you.

Reflecting on these efforts, I am proud of what we have accomplished together. Serving you has been a tremendous privilege, and I am thankful for the opportunity to have been part of your stories and your advocate.

Thank you for your trust, your active participation, and your steadfast commitment to our community. Although my role as Supervisor is concluding, my dedication to supporting and uplifting our region remains steadfast.

If you would like to stay in touch with me, please feel free to reach me at [sue@suefrost.com](mailto:sue@suefrost.com).

Thank you all for a wonderful and impactful journey.

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Sue

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-08587
William L. Lyon & Associates, Inc., 3640 American River Drive, #100, Sacramento, CA 95864 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Windermere Property Management" 3640 American River Drive, #100, Sacramento, CA 95864. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 13, 2024
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WINDERMERE 12-20-24
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-08568
Bloo Investments Inc, 2400 Fulton Avenue, #D, Sacramento, CA 95825 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Melas Auto Sales" 2400 Fulton Avenue, #D, Sacramento, CA 95825. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 13, 2024
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MELAS 12-20-24
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-08624
Taylor Stephen Stone, 2740 Walnut Avenue, Carmichael, CA 95608 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Elite Stone Painting" 2740 Walnut Avenue, Carmichael, CA 95608. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 14, 2024
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ELITE 12-20-24
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-08697
La Speranza, 6515 Mariposa Avenue, Citrus Heights, CA 95610 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "The Grotto" 960 Oak Lane, Rio Linda, CA 95673. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 18, 2024
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GROTTO 12-20-24
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-08551
HCH Veterinary Services, Inc., 6248 Main Avenue, Suite D, Orangevale, CA 95662 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Orangevale Veterinary Hospital" 6248 Maine Avenue, Suite D, Orangevale, CA 95662. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 13, 2024
Publish: Nov 29, Dec 6, 13, 20, 2024
ORANGEVALE 12-20-24
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-08494
Rismo Transportation Inc, 320 N 10th Street, Suite 110, Sacramento, Ca 95811 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Rismo Medical Transportation" 320 N 10th Street, Suite 110, Sacramento, Ca 95811. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 12, 2024
Publish: Nov 29, Dec 6, 13, 20, 2024
RISMO 12-20-24
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-07856
Kasey Stewart, 4173 Cypress Grove Drive, Rancho Cordova, CA 95742 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Mini Scholars Daycare" 4173 Cypress Grove Drive, Rancho Cordova, CA 95742. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County October 15, 2024
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MINI 12-20-24
STATEMENT FBNF2024-08825
Juan Diego Gonzalez and Francisco Javier Campos, 7648 Fair Oaks Boulevard, Carmichael, CA 95608 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Green Auto Body" 7648 Fair Oaks Boulevard, Carmichael, CA 95608. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 21, 2024
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GREEN 12-27-24
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-08718
Paul Etemad and Mondonna Etemad, 7862 Winding Way, #5104, Fair Oaks, CA 95628 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s)

"Allstate Real Estate Services" 4127 Thistedown Drive, Fair Oaks, CA 95628. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 19, 2024
Publish: December 6, 13, 20, 27, 2024
ALLSTATE 12-27-24
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-08887
Stalwart Electric, Inc., 4712 Solano Way, Fair Oaks, CA 95628 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Stalwart Electric" 4712 Solano Way, Fair Oaks, CA 95628. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 22, 2024
Publish: December 6, 13, 20, 27, 2024
STALWART 12-27-24
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-07727
Return to Center Wellness, LLC, 10574 Malaga Way, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Return to Center Wellness/Where in the World Treasures" 10574 Malaga Way, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County October 8, 2024
Publish: December 6, 13, 20, 27, 2024
RETURN 12-27-24
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-08738
Ahmad Samim Faizi, 5650 Marconi Avenue, Suite 7, Carmichael, CA 95608 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Hopes Immigration Services" 5650 Marconi Avenue, Suite 7, Carmichael, CA 95608. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 19, 2024
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HOPES 12-27-24
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-08556
Omega Law Group, PC, 8350 Wilshire Boulevard, 3rd Floor, Beverly Hills, CA 90211 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Omega Law Group Accident & Injury Attorneys" 1860 Howe Avenue, Suite 260 #3, Sacramento, CA 95825. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 13, 2024
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OMEGA 12-27-24
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-08855
Kenneth C. Grossman, 4920 Francis Way, Carmichael, CA 95608 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Grossman Hypnosis Method" 4920 Francis Way, Carmichael, CA 95608. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 21, 2024
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GROSSMAN 12-27-24
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-08615
Diamond Flow & TA LLC, 28211 Southfield Road, #433, Lathrup Village, MI 48076 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Diamond Flow & TA LLC" 3221 Alder Hill Court, Antelope, CA 95843. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 14, 2024
Publish: December 6, 13, 20, 27, 2024
DIAMOND 12-27-24
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-08622
Noble Beauty Spa, 8824 Koto Drive, Elk Grove, CA 95624 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Noble Nails Spa" 442 Howe Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95825. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 14, 2024
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NOBLE 12-27-24
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-08439
Donna M. Webb, 7802 Lakeshore Drive, Granite Bay, CA 95746 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Donna's Delights" 7802 Lakeshore Drive, Granite Bay, CA 95746. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 7, 2024
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DONNAS 12-27-24
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-08920
Flaming Grill Burger LLC, 2819 Panay Court, Carmichael, CA 95608 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Flaming Grill Burger" 2380 Watt Avenue, Unit 150, Sacramento, CA 95825. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 25, 2024
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FLAMING 12-27-24
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-08530
TBConsulting L.L.C., an Arizona LLC, 8328 E Hartford Drive, Suite 102, Scottsdale, AZ 85255 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "TBC" 8328 E Hartford Drive, Suite 102, Scottsdale, AZ 85255. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 13, 2024
Publish: December 6, 13, 20, 27, 2024
TBC 12-27-24
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-08665
Flor Silva Trias, 9132 Terramore Drive, Orangevale, CA 95662 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "E=MC2 Daycare & Preschool" 9132 Terramore Drive, Orangevale, CA 95662. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 15, 2024
Publish: December 6, 13, 20, 27, 2024
E=MC2 12-27-24
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-08427
SF Cellular Group LLC, 3637 Hallelujah Court, 4, Carmichael, CA 95608 is doing business

under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "SF Cellular Group LLC" 3637 Hallelujah Court, 4, Carmichael, CA 95608. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 6, 2024
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SF 12-27-24
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-08973
Urban Subs LLC, 451 Lentini Way, Sacramento, CA 95834 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Subway" 451 Lentini Way, Sacramento, CA 95834. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 27, 2024
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SUBWAY 12-27-24
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-08357
ES Cal II LLC, 9350 S Dixie Highway, Suite 950, Miami, FL 33156 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Bergamo Montessori School" 8200 Pocket Road, Sacramento, CA 95831. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 5, 2024
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BERGAMO 12-27-24
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-08547
ES Call II LLC, 9350 S Dixie Highway, Suite 950, Miami, FL 33156 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Bergamo Montessori School" 8144 Pocket Road, Sacramento, CA 95831. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 13, 2024
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MONTESSORI 12-27-24
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-08473
Yassin Sijd Consulting Services LLC, 1700 Dornie Circle, Folsom, CA 95630 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Yassin Sijd Consulting Services LLC" 1700 Dornie Circle, Folsom, CA 95630. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 7, 2024
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YASSIN 12-27-24
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-08845
Saleh Zarrouk, 4404 Malana Way, Rancho Cordova, CA 95742 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Ethos Real Estate Solutions/Eureka Real Estate Services" 4404 Malana Way, Rancho Cordova, CA 95742. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 21, 2024
Publish: December 6, 13, 20, 27, 2024
ETHOS 12-27-24
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-09109
Stars Event Hall LLC, P.O. Box 348506, Sacramento, CA 95834 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Stars Event Hall" 4128 El Camino Avenue, Suite 10, Sacramento, CA 95821. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 5, 2024
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STARS 1-3-25
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-09082
Ebony Walker, 3905 Oak Villa Circle, Carmichael, CA 95608 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Fair Oaks Mortgage Processing" 3905 Oak Villa Circle, Carmichael, CA 95608. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 5, 2024
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FAIR 1-3-25
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-08842
A.C.O.N. Inc, 10100 Fair Oaks Boulevard, Suite I, Fair Oaks, CA 95628 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Eastern Gardens Cooperative" 3045 Eastern Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95821. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 21, 2024
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GARDENS 1-3-25
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-08508
Dung Huynh Quoc Nguyen and Trang Thi Huyen Nguyen, 24988 Blue Ravine Road, #100B, Folsom, CA 95630 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "BeBe Nails" 24988 Blue Ravine Road, #100B, Folsom, CA 95630. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 12, 2024
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NAILS 1-3-25
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-08401
Anastasia Duda, 4059 Innovator Drive, Unit 7102, Sacramento, CA 95834 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "DA Beauty Club" 4059 Innovator Drive, Unit 7102, Sacramento, CA 95834. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 6, 2024
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BEAUTY 1-3-25
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-08957
Gurmeet Singh, 7409 Twin Acre Way, Sacramento, CA 95829 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "G.S.S. Trucking" 7409 Twin Acre Way, Sacramento, CA 95829. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 26, 2024
Publish: Dec 13, 20, 27, Jan 3, 2025
TRUCKING 1-3-25
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-08763
Albert Chang and Sasha Ren, 2108 N Street, Suite N, Sacramento, CA 95816 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Bluezone

Aviation" 2108 N Street, Suite N, Sacramento, CA 95816. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 19, 2024
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BLUEZONE 1-3-25
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-08856
Jessica Sapno, 12084 Agen Circle, S, Rancho Cordova, CA 95742 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Treats by Jess" 12084 Agen Circle, S, Rancho Cordova, CA 95742. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 21, 2024
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TREATS 1-3-25
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-08827
Melissa Lynn Maddern, 106 Austin Drive, Folsom, CA 95630 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Peaceful Melissa Yoga" 106 Austin Drive, Folsom, CA 95630. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 21, 2024
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PEACEFUL 1-3-25
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-08860
Olivia Beauty LLC, 443 Waverley Street, Palo Alto, CA 94301 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Flywheel Group/Olivia Supply" 7509 Madison Avenue, #101, Citrus Heights, CA 95610. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 21, 2024
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FLYWHEEL 1-3-25
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-08584
Jazmin Gonzalez Andres, 6047 Main Avenue, #32, Orangevale, CA 95662 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Jazz Custom Cleaning" 6047 Main Avenue, #32, Orangevale, CA 95662. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 13, 2024
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JAZZ 1-3-25
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-08885
Sabir Yousafzai, 7949 Carraway Drive, Antelope, CA 95843 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Aria Tax and Accounting Services" 2100 Watt Avenue, Suite #160, Sacramento, CA 95825. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 22, 2024
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ARIA 1-3-25
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-08930
Jaime Palmer, 400 Bannon Street, Sacramento, CA 95811 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "DUNIQUE Graphic Designs" 6020 Rutland Drive, B4 59, Carmichael, CA 95608. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 25, 2024
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DUNIQUE 1-3-25
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-09051
Tammy Schmitt, 5004 Meadow Pass Way, Antelope, CA 95843 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Lilac Massage Therapy" 5004 Meadow Pass Way, Antelope, CA 95843. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 3, 2024
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LILAC 1-3-25
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-08740
Vitali Klimov, 6424 18th Street, Rio Linda, CA 95678 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Vitcomm Tech" 7046 34th Street, North Highlands, CA 95660. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 19, 2024
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VITCOMM 1-3-25
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-09047
Aliya Alizai, 5027 El Camino Avenue, Carmichael, CA 95608 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Alizai Cloths & Tailor" 5027 El Camino Avenue, Carmichael, CA 95608. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 3, 2024
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ALIZAI 1-3-25
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-09002
Consuelo Jaime, 378 Morrison Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95838 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Sacramento Geotechnical Testing Services" 5051 Hillard Street, Sacramento, CA 95822. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 6, 2024
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HANDYMAN 1-3-25
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-08419
Brisenos Master Gardens Inc., 2739 Xavier Street, E. Palo Alto, CA, 94303 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Brisenos Master Gardens" 2739 Xavier Street, E. Palo Alto, CA, 94303. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 6, 2024
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BRISENOS 1-3-25
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-08357
ES Cal II LLC, 9350 S Dixie Highway, Suite 950, Miami, FL 33156 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Bergamo Montessori School" 8110 Pocket Road, Sacramento, CA 95831. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 5, 2024

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SCHOOL 1-3-25
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-09130
Inspiring Beginnings Childcare Center LLC, 899 Maplegrove Way, Sacramento, CA 95834 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Inspiring Beginnings Childcare Center" 924 San Juan Road, Sacramento, CA 95834. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 5, 2024
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INSPIRING 1-3-25
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-08981
Consulting Cafe LLC, 1401 21st Street, Sacramento, CA 95811 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "SmartFile" 1401 21st Street, Suite R, Sacramento, CA 95811. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 27, 2024
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SMARTFILE 1-3-25
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-08288
Bell Time Global, LLC, 2004 Robert Way, Sacramento, CA 95825 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Sourced Botanicals" 4370 24th Street, Suite H, Sacramento, CA 95822. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 1, 2024
Publish: Dec 20, 27, Jan 3, 10, 2025
BOTANICALS 1-10-25
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-09230
RKP Investments CHCW LLC, 9819 Cranleigh Drive, Granite Bay, CA 95746 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Citrus Heights Car Wash" 7742 Auburn Boulevard, Citrus Heights, CA 95610. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 10, 2024
Publish: Dec 20, 27, Jan 3, 10, 2025
CITRUS 1-10-25
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-09092
Innovating My Insurance Inc. 525 Cantera Court, Roseville, CA 95747 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "My Innova Insurance Services" 7777 Greenback Lane, #106, Citrus Heights, CA 95610. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 5, 2024
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INNOVA 1-10-25
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-09135
Haqui LLC, 2108 N Street, Suite N, Sacramento, CA 95816 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Tiny Terras/ Haqu" 2108 N Street, Suite N, Sacramento, CA 95816. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 5, 2024
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TINY 1-10-25
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-09303
Sean Shokouh, 6858 Mariposa Avenue, Citrus heights, CA 95610 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "JDMPalace/JDMP Motors/JDMP Management" 6858 Mariposa Avenue, Citrus heights, CA 95610. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 12, 2024
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JDMP 1-10-25
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-09306
Grace O. Jackson 6220 Sampson Boulevard, Sacramento, CA 95824 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Fashionez By Gracious" 6220 Sampson Boulevard, Sacramento, CA 95824. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 12, 2024
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GRACIOUS 1-10-25
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-09169
Cesar Julian Montoya Segura, 2114 Pinetree Court, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Phoenix Films And Photos" 2114 Pinetree Court, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 6, 2024
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PHOENIX 1-10-25
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-09172
William Bixler, 5051 Hillard Street, Sacramento, CA 95822 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Sacramento Geotechnical Testing Services" 5051 Hillard Street, Sacramento, CA 95822. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 6, 2024
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GEOTECH 1-10-25
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-09141
Luis Medrano, 8724 El Verano Avenue, Elverta, CA 95626 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Medrano's Hauling" 8724 El Verano Avenue, Elverta, CA 95626. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 6, 2024
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MEDRANOS 1-10-25





# COMICS & PUZZLES

**The Spats** by Jeff Pickering

**POPEYE** by KIMMY HIRSHLAND

**Amber Waves** by Dave T. Phipps

**POPEYE** (Continued)

**Out on a Limb** by Gary Kopervas

**HOCUS-FOCUS** BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Boy's legs are longer. 2. Tree is moved. 3. Stocking is shorter. 4. Woman's leg is moved. 5. Belt is shorter. 6. Robe collar is different.

**TIGER** by BUD BLAKE

**GRIN & BEAR IT** by Dave T. Phipps

"The Christmas catalogs aren't so bad. ... Last year I had fruitcake delivery."

**CROSSWORD**

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**STATEPOINT CROSSWORD • AT THE RESTAURANT**

**CLUES**

**ACROSS**

- Bet's predecessor
- Ogre-like creature
- Attorney's bargain
- Old but in
- \*Restaurant waiting area?
- Located near crannies?
- List of Catholic saints
- Down Under runner
- White heron
- \* \_\_\_\_ meal, or staff meal
- \*"Meat and fish, in Italian restaurant"
- Singer/songwriter Yoko
- \*"What appetizers do to appetite"
- \*"Deuce"
- Like a reliable move
- Not a desktop
- "My bad!"
- Painter Chagall
- Beyond suburban
- Wisecrack
- \*"Nigiri, e.g."
- \*"Middle Eastern bread"
- Of an arm bone
- That time
- Let it stand, to proofreader
- Swellings
- Chancy
- Between E and NE
- Stomach reflex
- \*"Fish eggs"
- \*"Second c in CDC"
- \* \_\_\_\_ d'hotel
- Not mainstream, as in art
- "To His \_\_\_\_ Mistress"
- Bracelet add-on
- Covers with gold
- Stiff grass bristle
- Irving of Dallas Mavericks
- Eyelid affliction
- Fairytales princess test
- Winter driving hazard

**DOWN**

- Curved one
- Table extender
- Sicilian erupter
- Movie trailer, e.g.
- Perfecting, as in skill
- Toe the line
- Popular pickup
- Puppy love
- Jumping stick
- Forsaken
- Barely got by
- Spumante-producing town
- Greek god's libation
- Rumpelstiltskin's machine, pl.
- \*Freshwater staple in sushi restaurant
- Idolize
- \*Chef's hat
- Modified "will"
- Offer two cents
- Drawn tight
- Baby porcupines
- Commonplace
- Like Cheerios
- \*Blue- \_\_\_\_ special
- Unsubscriber's focus
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- \_\_\_\_ structure or

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# Hornet Football Coach Resigns

By Daniel Canfield

**SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - On Friday, Dec. 6, Sacramento State University announced that Hornet Football head coach Andy Thompson had resigned to pursue other career opportunities. Thompson's departure after two years at the helm of the Hornet Football program comes at the conclusion of a 2024 campaign that saw the Hornets finish with a 3-9 overall record and 1-7 in Big Sky Conference play. Sac State dropped the final five games of the 2024 season including the annual causeway classic matchup with UC Davis which was played on Nov. 23 at Hornet stadium.

The official news release from the university includes a gracious statement from Athletic Director Mark Orr regarding Thompson's tenure with the Hornets. "We want to thank Coach Thompson and his family for all they have done for Sacramento State football over the last five seasons," Orr said. "Under his watch, the program has achieved its highest level of success. We wish him the best of luck in the future."

In his two years as head coach Thompson posted



Sac State's Football program is in search of a new head coach to replace Andy Thompson who resigned on Dec. 6 to join the Stanford University football coaching staff. Photo by Sacramento State Athletics

an overall record of 11 wins and 14 losses. In his first year as head coach in 2023, the Hornets enjoyed an 8-5 record and made it to the second round of the 2023 FCS Playoffs. Unfortunately, that success was not seen again in the disappointing 2024 season.

Thompson had been on the Hornet coaching staff since the 2019 season.

As defensive coordinator, Thompson was instrumental in the Hornet football program earning Big Sky Conference titles in 2019, 2021 and 2022. Following the conclusion of the 2022 season, Thompson was promoted to the Hornet head coach position which had been vacated by Troy Taylor who left Sacramento State to take

the head football coaching position at Stanford University.

On the heels of the official announcement from Sacramento State Athletics regarding Thompson's departure on Dec. 6, Stanford University officially announced that coach Thompson would be joining the Stanford Football coaching staff

as Stanford Football's assistant head coach and co-defensive coordinator. Reuniting Thompson with his former boss and former Hornet head coach Troy Taylor.

The Hornet Football program owes a debt of gratitude to Coach Thompson as his involvement with the program led to success and accolades

not previously enjoyed by the Hornets. Best wishes to Coach Thompson in his new position, as long as Stanford football's interests do not conflict with Hornet football's interests.

Sacramento State officials announced that a national search will begin immediately to find the next head coach for the Hornets. ★

# Jesuit High's Cross Country Coach Honored



Jesuit High School's Cross Country Head Coach Walt Lange, photographed here with his 2024 State Championship team, was named the Joe Newton Coach of the Year at the Nike Cross Nationals on Saturday, Dec. 7. Courtesy Photo

## Jesuit High School News Release

**SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - Jesuit High School Cross Country Head Coach Walt Lange received a prestigious honor on Saturday, Dec. 7, as he was named the Joe Newton Coach of the Year at the Nike Cross Nationals (NXN).

This award, named after legendary coach Joe Newton of York High School, celebrates lifetime achievement in high school cross country. Newton's teams captured at least 24 Illinois State Championships, and his legacy extends far beyond victories, having profoundly shaped the lives of countless young athletes.

Coach Lange, with an extraordinary 55 years of coaching at Jesuit High

School, including 54 years as head coach, now joins the ranks of elite coaches recognized on a national stage. Known for his humility, Lange's contributions to high school cross country and the countless lives he has impacted over the decades make this recognition richly deserved.

"I'm overjoyed that the boys were there to witness this moment," shared Assistant Coach David Zielke, reflecting on the significance of the occasion.

Lange's dedication, passion, and lifelong commitment to developing athletes both on and off the course embody the Jesuit tradition of excellence and service. Congratulations to Coach Lange on this remarkable and well-deserved honor! ★

# UC Davis To Join Mountain West Conference

## UC Davis News Release

**SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG)** - The University of California, Davis has accepted a formal invitation to join the Mountain West Conference beginning July 1, 2026.

"We are thrilled to join the Mountain West Conference, and we look forward to an incredible experience for our student-athletes and for our fans," said UC Davis Chancellor Gary S. May. "Our transition to the highly regarded conference will introduce our Aggie community to a broader audience, in major metropolitan areas and through increased media coverage. It also provides us with an opportunity to align with universities that share similar academic strengths while also expanding our competitive presence in the Western United States."

The Aggies will compete in all Mountain West Conference-sponsored sports, except for football, which will continue to participate in the Football Championship Subdivision (FCS) in the Big Sky Conference. Men's and women's water polo as well as beach volleyball will seek to remain in the Big West through affiliate membership but are prepared to explore other options, if necessary. No changes will occur with membership

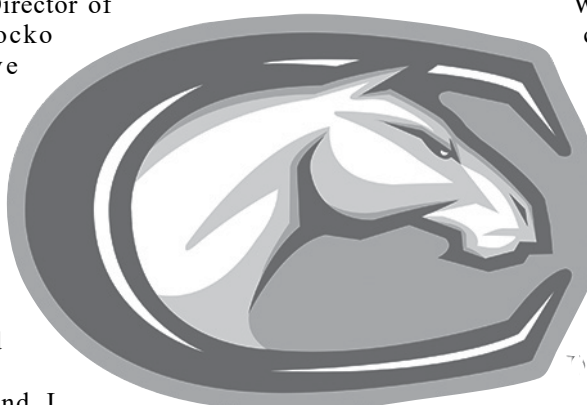
agreements for equestrian, field hockey and lacrosse.

"Adding UC Davis further strengthens the trajectory of the Mountain West as it continues to build its brand that has proven to elevate institutions and student-athletes," said MW Commissioner Gloria Nevarez. "Chancellor Gary S. May and Director of Athletics Rocko DeLuca have shared their strategic plan and financial vision for enhancing student-athlete development, welfare, and competitive excellence, and I believe UC Davis brings a wealth of positives in the continuing growth of the Mountain West."

The announcement comes on the heels of a historic fall sport season for the Aggies in which all eight varsity fall sports teams qualified for postseason competition.

Men's soccer secured a Big West championship and a trip to the NCAA

tournament. UC Davis football finished the regular season seeded fifth in the nation with a bye in the first round of the NCAA Division I Football Championship followed by a win against Illinois State on Dec. 7. They will play South Dakota on Saturday, Dec. 14 at noon in the quarterfinals.



ish third in the Big West and field hockey finishing sixth in the America East.

"We are grateful to the Mountain West Conference membership for this incredible opportunity and for sharing our vision of academic and athletics excellence," said UC Davis Director of Athletics Rocko DeLuca. "Our campus leadership, students, Aggie alumni, fans, the Davis

community and the broader Sacramento region all recognize the unique spirit of UC Davis and carry Aggie Pride with them each and every day. They have invested their time, talent and resources in supporting our growth, and the success of our fall sports is a clear reflection of those efforts. Now is the time to showcase Aggie Pride on a national stage, and the Mountain West's brand and strategy align perfectly with our aspirations."

Additional costs to support the transition, including travel, staffing and support services, will be primarily offset by increased revenues from ticket sales, donations, multimedia rights and, for the first time, revenue distributions from the conference. A ramp-up period of three to four years is anticipated before revenues fully reach projected levels. The university does not plan to use existing institutional funds to support the transition.

Starting no later than the 2026-27 academic year, the Mountain West will feature the United States Air Force Academy; University of California, Davis; Grand Canyon University; University of Hawaii at Mānoa; University of Nevada, Reno; University of New Mexico; San José State University; University of Nevada, Las Vegas; University of Texas, El Paso and the University of Wyoming. ★



# Delivering Mobile Aid When Disasters Strike



A Local Assistance Center was recently put in place in North Highlands following an apartment fire. Photo courtesy of Sacramento County

## Sacramento County News Release

**SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG)** - You may not know about Sacramento County's Local Assistance Centers (LAC), but when residents are hit with disasters, the centers become vital locations for people who need

help getting their lives back on track.

A recent apartment fire in North Highlands forced more than 50 residents from their homes. Many escaped with nothing more than the clothes they were wearing. The Sacramento County Office of Emergency Services (OES) immediately

sprang to action, gathering an essential team of county staff and nonprofit groups to begin the process of helping those affected start rebuilding their lives.

Within hours, a respite area was set up for residents who didn't have anywhere else to go. Located on Peacekeeper

Way at McClellan, the Office of Emergency Services and the Red Cross set up cots and provided food in the temporary facility. Most of the fire victims were able to find their own place to stay overnight.

As those affected began adjusting to the predicament, the Office of Emergency Services began the second phase of their plan. Staff began contacting additional organizations to assist in the creation of the Local Assistance Centers. State agencies and nonprofit organizations joined the county and offered important information and resources to help those affected to take their next steps toward recovery.

The Local Assistance Centers supporting the North Highlands fire recovery effort included state agencies, such as the Department of Motor Vehicles which assisted in restoring destroyed identification, and the Department of

Insurance, which assisted with filing claims.

The county provided housing assistance and vital records replacement. The Salvation Army and Red Cross gave residents the necessary contacts for vital services. Donated food and clothes were also available for those who walked in looking for help and a therapy dog, provided by HOPE Animal Assisted Crisis Response, was available to give comfort to those who needed it.

This Office of Emergency Services service, along with the emergency shelter, is designed to help ease some of the anxiety brought on by traumatic events while families figure out how to move forward. The Local Assistance Centers' designed mobility allows the Office of Emergency Services to meet those who need immediate assistance where they are located. ★

# Apply Now for Next Grand Jury



The Sacramento County Grand Jury is appointed to provide oversight of county, city, school and special district agencies and operations within Sacramento County. Courtesy photo

## Sacramento County News Release

**SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG)** - Applicants are now being sought for new jurors to serve on the Sacramento County Grand Jury. The application period opened on Nov. 20.

Nineteen Sacramento County residents and 11 alternates will be selected

from among qualified applicants. The one-year term for volunteer jurors runs from July 1, 2025, to June 30, 2026.

The grand jury is appointed to provide oversight of county, city, school and special district agencies and operations within Sacramento County.

The grand jury is also authorized to hear criminal

indictments and is tasked with visiting regional detention facilities. Grand jurors receive a small stipend for their volunteer work.

To serve on the Sacramento County Grand Jury, you must be a Sacramento County resident over 18 years old and speak, read and write English.

Applications must be received by Dec. 31 to be considered. The grand jury will be empaneled in June 2025.

For more information about the Sacramento County Grand Jury, applicant criteria and how to apply, visit the Sacramento County Grand Jury website at sacgrandjury.org. ★

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